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Sir:

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Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing other references. The relevance of these other references can also be seen from the International Search Report. English abstracts for the Japanese reference are also enclosed.

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Please also note that a copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0091385 is also enclosed, which is an English language counterpart for German Patent Publication No. 100 45 991.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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